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SUBJECT: NEW CABINET MINISTERS

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TURKISH CONSTITUTION AND ELECTION LAW, THE MINISTERS OF INTERIOR, JUSTICE AND COMMUNICATIONS/TRANSPORTATION RESIGNED AND WERE REPLACED APRIL 10 BY INDEPENDENT PARLIAMENTARIANS WHO WILL REMAIN IN OFFICE UNTIL THE DESIGNATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE JUNE ELECTIONS. THE NEWLY NAMED MINISTERS ARE:

-- INTERIOR: SABATTIN OZBEK, PRESIDENTIAL CONTINGENT SENATOR, REPLACING OGUZHAN ASILTURK (NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY)  
-- JUSTICE: ZEYYAD BAYKARA, PRESIDENTIAL CONTINGENT SENATOR, REPLACING ISMAIL MUFTUOGLU (NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY)  
-- COMMUNICATIONS/TRANSPORTATION: IBRAHIM AYSOY, DEPUTY FROM MARDIN, REPLACING NAHIT MENTESE (JUSTICE PARTY). HOWEVER, MENTESE, WHO IS JP SEC GEN, WILL NOT LEAVE THE CABINET SINCE TOURISM AND SPORTS MINISTER LUTFI TOKOGLU RESIGNED AT THE SAME TIME AND WAS REPLACED BY MENTESE.

2. BIO INFO ON THE NEW APPOINTEES:

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A. MININTERIOR OZBEK: BORN IN ERZINCAN IN 1915. GRADUATE OF ANKARA UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURE FACULTY, 1937; DOCTORATE, 1941; ASSISTANT PROF., ANKARA, 1946; FULL PROF., 1953. DEAN, FACULTY OF AGRONOMY, ANKARA U. 1955-57, 1965-67. SERVED AS THE FOUNDING RECTOR OF ATATURK UNIVERSITY IN ERZURUM, 1959-60. CABINET OFFICER IN THE THREE INDEPENDENT-LED GOVERNMENTS;

MINEDUCATION, 1972-73 (MELEN GOVERNMENT); MIN COMMUNICATIONS, 1973-74 (TALU GOVERNMENT); 1974-75 (IRMAK GOVERNMENT). OZBEK SPEAKS ENGLISH, GERMAN AND FRENCH. HE WAS APPOINTED SENATOR BY THE PRESIDENT IN 1972 AND HIS TERM EXPIRES IN 1978. BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE WERE A.I.D. PARTICIPANT-TRAINEES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

B. MINJUSTICE BAYKARA: ALSO BORN IN ERZINCAN, 1918. GRADUATED FROM ANKARA UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTY (FINANCE MAJOR) IN 1938. BAYKARA THEN JOINED THE FINANCE MINISTRY AND WAS SENT TO UNIVERSITY BERLIN FOR FURTHER STUDIES WHICH WERE INTERRUPTED BY THE WAR. AFTER MILITARY SERVICE, HE REJOINED THE FINANCE MINISTRY AND LATER SERVED AS DIRGEN INTERNAL REVENUE (1955), DIRGEN TREASURY (1964) AND UNDER-SECRETARY (1964). IN 1971 HE WAS NAMED UNDERSECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER, THEN SERVED AS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE "ABOVE PARTIES" MELEN CABINET, 1972-73. HE WAS APPOINTED SENATOR IN JUNE, 1974, AND HIS TERM WILL EXPIRE IN 1980. BAYKARA IS MARRIED, HAS THREE CHILDREN, AND SPEAKS GERMAN AND FRENCH.

C. MINCOMMUNICATIONS AYSOY: BORN IN MARDIN, 1931. A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, HE SERVED AS MARDIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHAIRMAN FROM 1960-64 BEFORE BEING ELECTED AS A REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY DEPUTY IN 1965. HE JOINED THE REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY IN 1967, LOST HIS SEAT IN 1969, BUT WAS RE-ELECTED AS AN INDEPENDENT DEPUTY FROM MARDIN IN 1973. HE IS MARRIED, HAS NO CHILDREN AND ARABIC IS HIS ONLY FOREIGN LANGUAGE.  
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